

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Election/Restriction Requirement dated June 4, 2003, and have made amendments to the claims. New claims 11-20 have been added. It is submitted that the application, as amended, does not include new matter and is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following three groups of the claimed invention:

Group I. Claim 1, drawn to a group consisting of each crude extract from *Paeonia suffruticosa*, *Cnidium officinale*, *Cinnamomum cassia*, mustard (*Brassica juncea*) and horseradish (*Cholearia aroracia*);

Group II. Claim 1, drawn to a group consisting of extracts obtained from each crude extract of *Cinnamomum cassia*, cinnamon, mustard and horseradish of Group I; and


Group III. Claim 1, drawn to a group consisting of derivatives of a group consisting of extracts obtained from each crude extract of *Cinnamomum cassia*, cinnamon, mustard and horseradish of Group II.

In response to the Examiner's election requirement, the applicants hereby provisionally elect Claim 1, drawn to a group consisting of each crude extract from *Paeonia suffruticosa*, *Cnidium officinale*, *Cinnamomum cassia*, mustard (*Brassica juncea*) and horseradish (*Cholearia aroracia*) (Group I).

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected species within claim 1. Applicants also respectfully submit that new claims 11-20 are directed to a single invention and do not introduce new matter. Examination of the application, as amended, is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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